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Re: SERIAL DIGITAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD  
Docket No. A8SJ2450

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 CFR 1.53 is the patent application of MICHAEL P. DALY and DAVID THOMSON entitled SERIAL DIGITAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD.

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